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SUBJ: PROPOSED EC PRICE INCREASES

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1. WE RAISED MATTER OF PRICE INCREASES WITH KESTER HEASLIP, ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DRAWING ON REFTEL WE WENT OVER US POSITION IN DETAIL.

2. HEASLIP NOTED THAT IRELAND, AS AN AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY, FAVORS HIGH AGRICULTURAL PRICES EVEN THOUGH IT RECOGNIZES THAT HIGHER GRAIN PRICES WILL RAISE THE COST OF FEED INPUTS FOR IRELAND'S CATTLE AND DAIRY INDUSTRY. OUR EMPHASIS ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE NEW EC GRAIN PRICE PLAN ON FREER TRADE IN FARM COMMODITIES WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT IT WAS APPARENT THAT HIGHER PRICES FOR IRISH FARMERS ARE A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION WITH GOI. IN ANY EVENT, HEASLIP GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT INCREASED PRICES ARE IN THE CARDS AND THAT GOI WILL MERELY GO ALONG WITH OTHER EC COUNTRIES IN ADOPTING THE NEW PRICES. CURLEY

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